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SUBJECT: SEC VISIT LA: SECURITY

REF: BA 3623 AND 3481

1. NO CHANGE IN SECURITY ESTIMATE. INAUGURATION PLANS PROCEEDING APACE.

2. GOA LIFTED STATE OF SIEGE AT MIDNIGHT MAY 22 (IN EFFECT SINCE 1969), AUTOMATICALLY BRINGING ABOUT RELEASE OF SOME 45 PRISONERS BEING HELD AT DISCRETION OF EXECUTIVE POWER. ANOTHER 55, WHO IN THE PAST OPTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY INSTEAD OF GOING TO JAIL, ARE NOW FREE TO RETURN WITHOUT RISK OF ARREST. CURRENT COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A FEW OTHERS MAY BE DROPPED.

3. AS OF NOON MAY 23, FEDERAL POLICE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR ACTIVITIES PLANNED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST SECRETARY, EXCEPT FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT STREET DEMONSTRATION PROMOTED BY COMMUNIST YOUTH FEDERATION (FJC) TO TAKE PLACE AT 2000 HOURS MAY 23 AT WHICH THEY PLAN TO BURN SECRETARY IN EFFIGY. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS CAN NORMALLY FIELD BETWEEN 1000 AND 2,000 STUDENTS. SITE IS AT CORNER OF JUNIN AND CORDOBA, ABOUT 20 BLOCKS FROM THE PLAZA HOTEL WHERE THE SECRETARY WILL BE STAYING. HIS ROUTE FROM THE AEROPARQUE WILL NOT TAKE HIM INTO THIS AREA. THE POLICE PLAN TO STATION AN ASSAULT CAR NEAR THE
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AREA , WHICH COULD CAUSE THE GROUP TO MOVE TO ANOTHER SITE.
POLICE PLAN TO CONTROL RATHER THAN TO BREAK UP THIS GATHERING,
WHICH WILL BE THEIR APPROACH TO ALL SUCH ACTIVITIES IN THIS PERIOD.

4. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, ON MAY 24 FJC ACTIVISTS PLAN TO MARCH
FROM THEIR FACULTIES TO THE CHILEAN EMBASSY TO WELCOME PRESIDENT
ALLENDE AND ON TO PLAZA HOTEL WHERE CUBAN DELEGATION (AND THE
SECRETARY) WILL BE STAYING. POLICE ESTIMATE THE PROBABLE NUMBER
OF DEMONSTRATORS AT 1,000. DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR 1900-2000
HRS. SECRETARY' S EVENING IS FREE THAT DAY.

5. AGAIN ACCORDING TO POLICE, ON MAY 25, THE FYC AND THE COMMUNIST
FRONT ARGENTINE LEAGUE FOR RIGHTS OF MAN (LADH) WILL STAGE DEMON-
STRATIONS AT SITE NEAR DEVOTO PRISON (NORTHERN EDGE OF CITY) AT
ABOUT 1630 OR 1700 HOURS TO DEMAND RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISON-
ERS. AS MANY AS 5,000 PEOPLE MAY ATTEND. SECRETARY WILL NOT BE
IN THIS AREA OF THE CITY.

6. POLICE REPORT THAT ON MAY 26 THE COMMUNIST PARTY PLANS A DEMON-
STRATION AT 1500 AT THE CONGRESS PLAZA, AT WHICH SAME HARD- LINE
PERONISTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED. AGAIN THE PURPOSE IS TO DEMAND
RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. SPECIAL DELEGATES ARE INVITED TO
A SESSION OF THE CONGRESS AT 1 100 THAT DAY, WHICH SHOULD BE
CONCLUDED BEFORE HOUR OF THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATION, WHICH COULD
DRAW 20-50,000 PEOPLE.
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